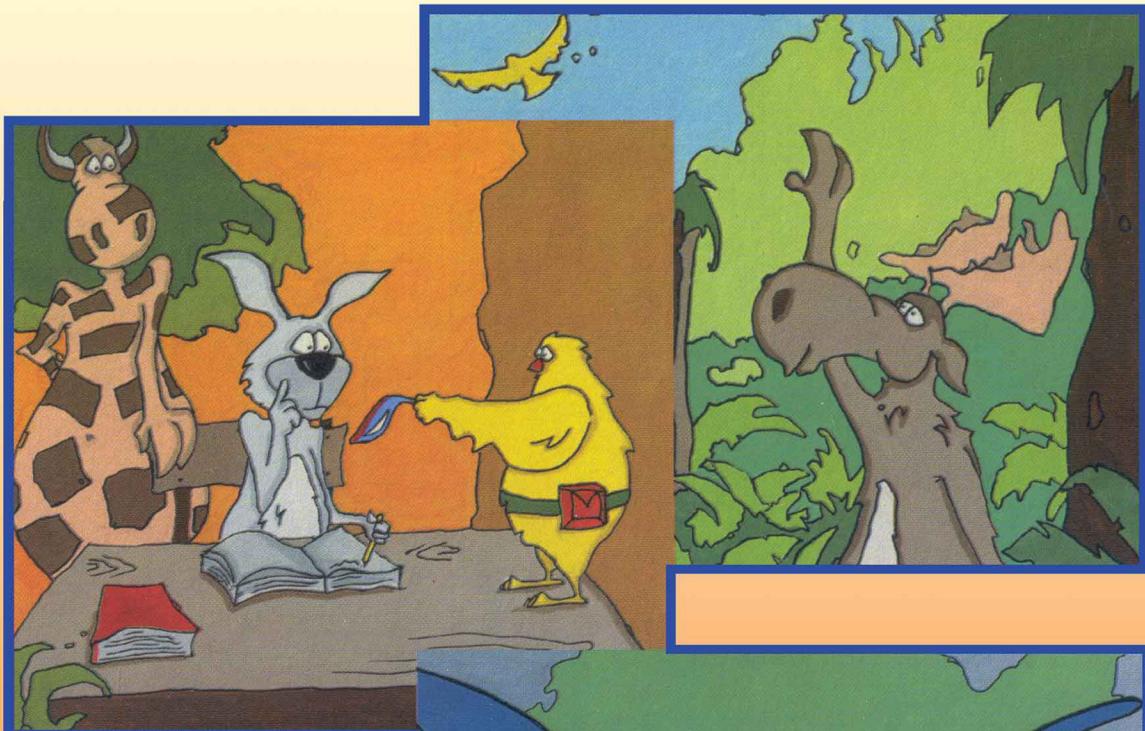


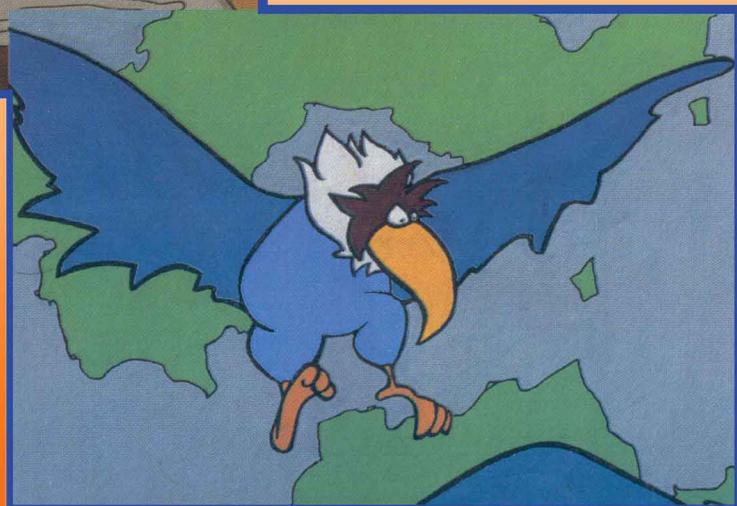


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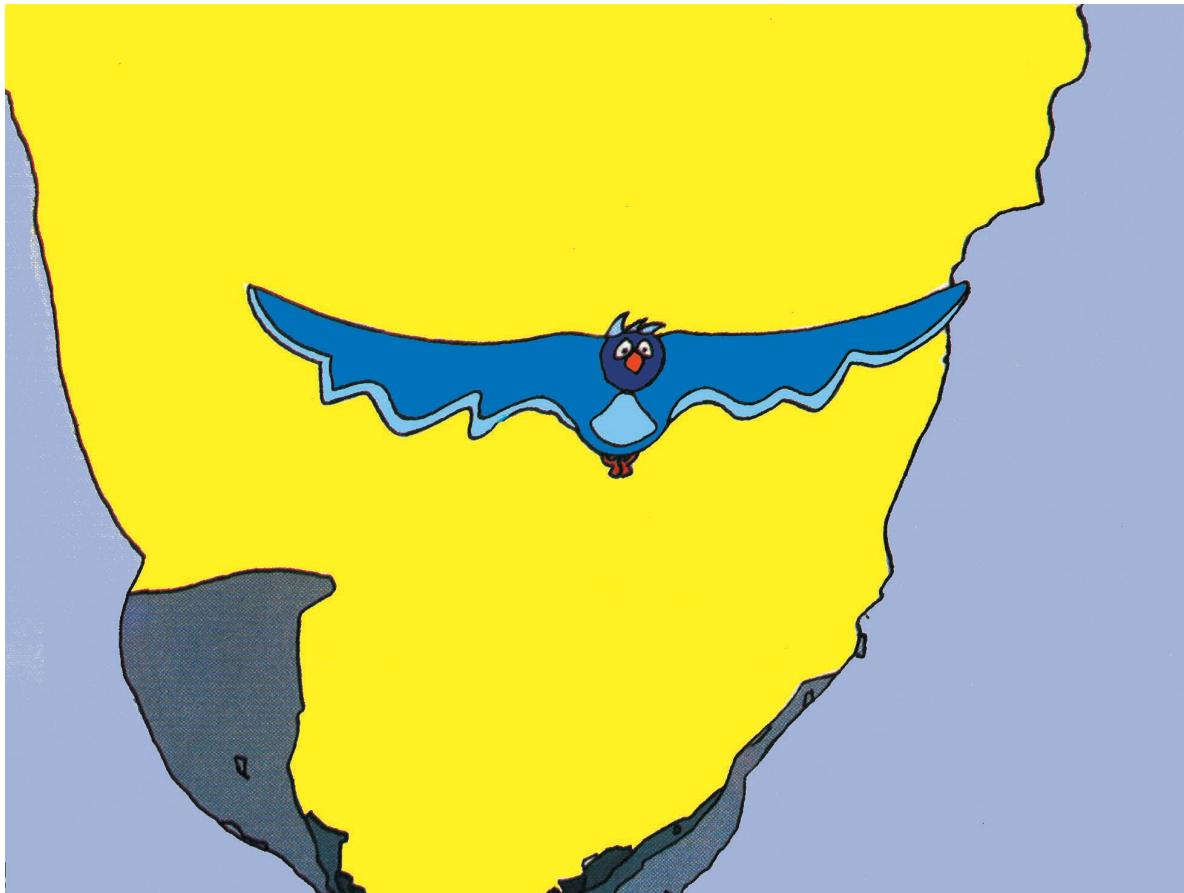
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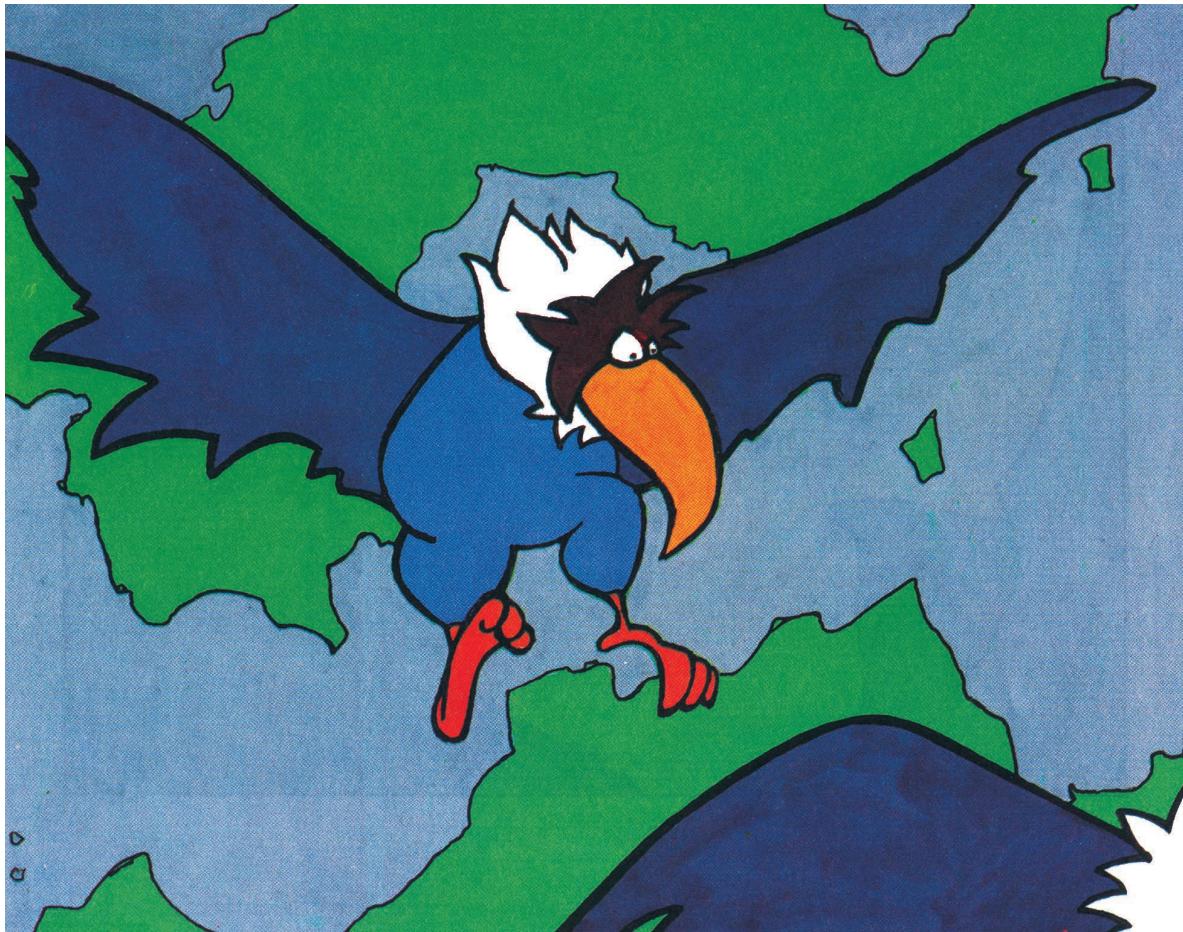
BECAUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

It was a beautiful spring morning. The sun was shining and the sky was blue. Sparrow had been flying for seven days and was feeling very tired. She thought, "I have to reach the Animal Kingdom no matter what."

Sparrow had flown from far across the sea. During her trip, she had faced many dangers. Now she was so close to her destination and she felt very happy.

From high in the sky she could look toward the horizon and see the green fields and forests of Animal Kingdom. Feeling excited, she kept flying toward it.





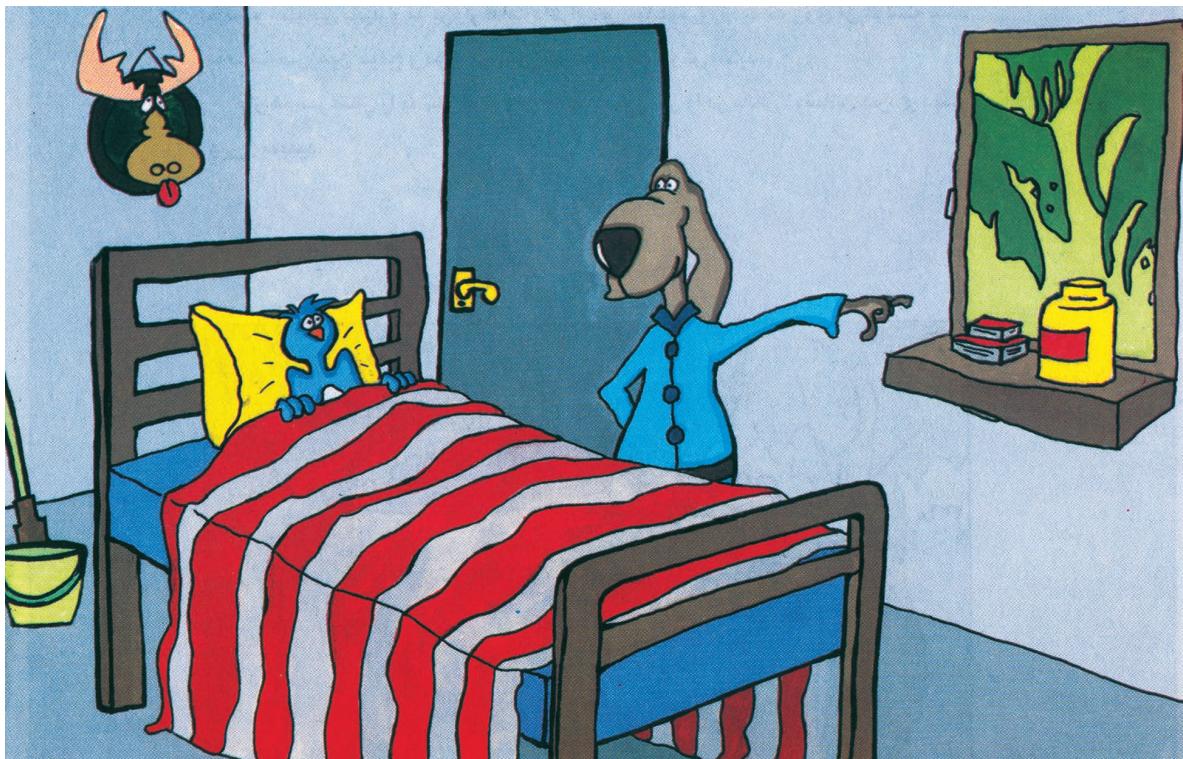
She was happy. She took a deep breath and thought, "I have reached it at last." She was deep in thought when suddenly she saw a black shadow on the ground. She quickly turned her head and saw a big vulture coming toward her very quickly.

Her tiny heart was beating really fast but she tried to fly even faster. She wanted to reach Animal Kingdom as soon as possible. She began to lose her strength. Suddenly, she heard a voice saying, "In the name of the king; the king of Wolf Kingdom, stop!"



She did not pay attention and kept on flying. In the distance, she saw a sign that said, "Welcome to the Kingdom of Friendship and Peace, the Animal Kingdom."

She tried to fly faster, but suddenly she felt as if her wings were burning. Then, she lost her senses



The next thing she knew, she was waking and saw a dog looking back at her.

At first, she felt very scared, but the dog said, "Hi my friend. Take it easy. You are in Animal Kingdom now." The dog continued on to say, "I am a border guard in Animal Kingdom. With my binoculars I saw you coming toward our kingdom. Vulture was after you. He shot you with an arrow and you fell to the ground. I quickly crossed the border and brought you to this side."

Sparrow then replied, "You saved my life. Thank you my dear friend." Dog then said, "Now tell me who you are and why you came here."

Sparrow said, "I am a traveler from the other side of the sea. I know a sparrow that has seen your kingdom and told me a lot about it. She said that the Olympics would start in your country soon. I have come from far away to see your kingdom and attend the Olympic Games."





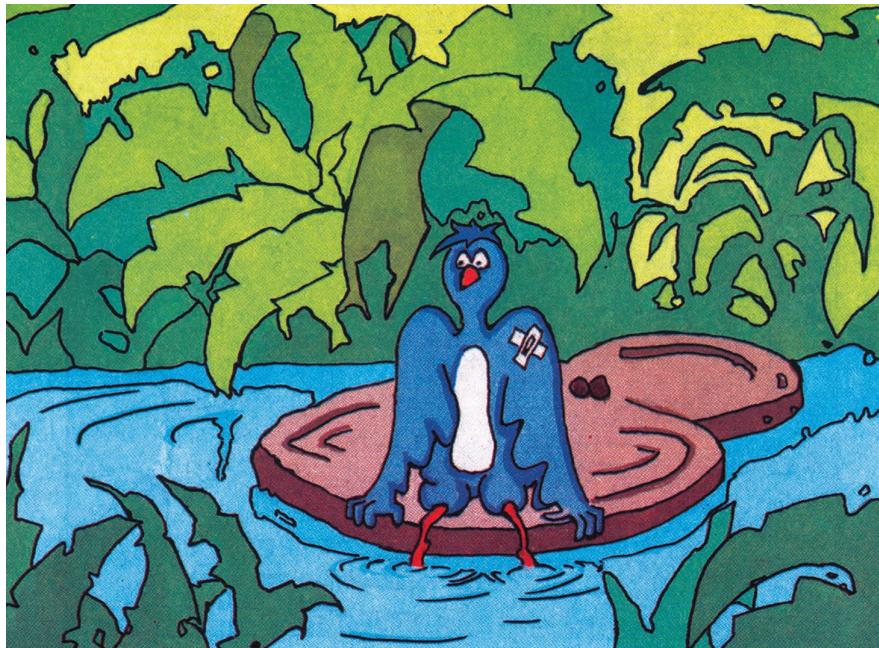
The dog wondered, "You crossed the sky over the Wolf Kingdom?" Sparrow said, "Yes, I had no choice. I had to fly at night and hide during the day. Just today, I flew in the daylight to reach here sooner and look what happened to me."

Guard Dog went to the window and looked up at the sun. He then told the sparrow, "My friend, the Animal Olympics will start the day after tomorrow and today is the last day of registration. With your wounded wing, you won't be able to reach the city in time to register. It is just too far."

Sparrow became very sad and said, "What a pity!"

Dog then replied, "My dear friend. I am a border guard. I can't leave this place. If I could, I would go and register your name for you myself."





Sparrow said nothing. She stood up and walked out of the guard's room. Outside, she saw that there were other dogs guarding the border. She was thirsty so she asked one of them where the nearest stream was.

She couldn't fly with her wounded wing. Guard Dog had wrapped a white cloth around it. She went to the nearby stream to drink. The stream was a nice area with a lot of plants and trees. She felt so very sad.

Suddenly, the bushes on the opposite side of the stream began to move. A deer appeared. As soon as he noticed Sparrow, he said, "Hi my friend. Why are you upset?" Sparrow looked up and said, "Hi, yes I am sad. I have come all the way from the other side of the sea to attend the Olympic Games.

The border guard dog has told me that today is the last day of registration. My wing is injured and I cannot make it in time."

Deer said, "So this is why you are upset. You should not be sad. Sparrow replied, "Oh, if you only knew what I have gone through."

Deer, wanting to help, said, "My friend, do not be upset. Rest here and I will go and register your name for you."





Sparrow thanked him. Deer said goodbye and left quickly. The sun was high in the sky. Deer ran very quickly through the woods and jumped over anything in his way. He had to reach Animal City before sunset.

Deer kept on going until he reached a river. Without stopping, he jumped in and ran through the water. He was just beyond the river when suddenly his wet leg slipped on a stone.

Deer fell hard to the ground. His foot was now in great pain. He stood up and tried to continue on but he found he could not.





Deer's leg was twisted and felt very painful. He thought about Sparrow and said to himself, "No matter what, I must get to Animal City."

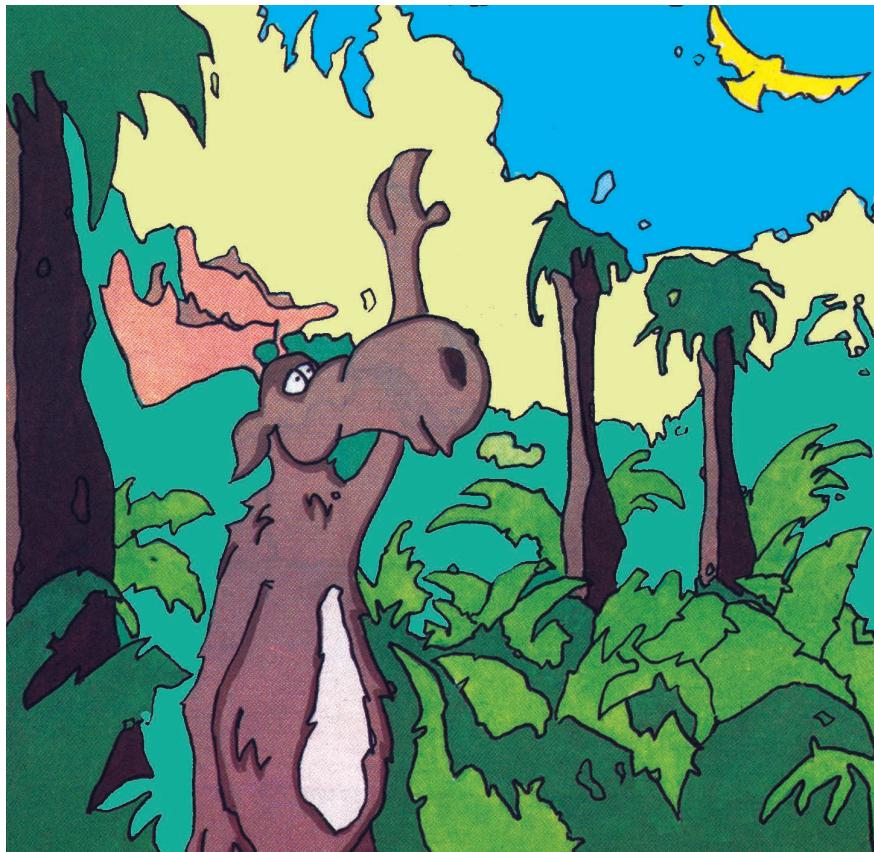
He tried to run but could not. He leaned against a tree feeling very sad and hopeless. With all his strength he shouted, "Help. Help. Is there anyone around?"

He listened but no one answered. He stood up again and tried to walk but all he could do was limp. He said to himself, 'Walking like this, I won't even reach Animal City by tomorrow.'

Once again, he shouted, "Please help me. Please help me."

Suddenly, he heard a nightingale's voice in the distance. He shouted again in his loudest voice, "Hey my friend, Nightingale Singer."





Nightingale heard the deer's voice. She flew toward him as quickly as she could and sat down beside him on the ground. Nightingale asked, "What happened to you my friend?"

Deer told Nightingale the whole story. Nightingale said, "Don't worry, I will go and register her name for the Olympics and I'll attend the fly game as well."

Deer gave Sparrow's feather to Nightingale and thanked her for her kindness. Nightingale started on her journey and soon disappeared. She passed the jungle and the green field of the animal kingdom.





She had a long way to go. The sun moved closer to the west mountain. In the distance, she could see the Animal City. It made her fly faster.

By the time she reached the city, the sun had almost set. Looking into the distance, she saw the rabbit closing the registration book. She shouted, "Wait. Please wait."

All the animals noticed the nightingale's scream. Nightingale sat on the ground. She was sweating and almost out of breath. Between her breaths she was able to say, "One sparrow....came from....the other side of....the sea and wanted to sign up for....the Olympic flying....games."

She showed the sparrow's bloody feather and was so tired, she fainted. The sparrow's name though, was the last one on the contestant list.

